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AND ITS METHOD OF
PRODUCTION AND USE IN
HIGH-AFFINITY AND SPECIFIC
BINDING OF HIV-1TAR RNA

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 35 U.S.C. §1.111

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed November 17, 2004, a response to which is due March 17, 2005, with a request for a one-month extension of time submitted herewith. In view of the amendments and remarks below, entry of this amendment and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks/arguments begin on page 5 of this submission.

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